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Applicant: Richard M. Gibson et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

If any fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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